

Unique Reference: MPSP-AFP151

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5th Sept 2023 another dead line!

Dear Inspectorate

Everyone other than the ExA were observers on Friday 18th August at our home for the site inspection. We did nothing other than show the visitors that – this is a lovely, rural spot – a narrow lane wide enough – just – for one car. The flora and fauna have lived here for hundreds of years – and we moved here to enjoy just that!!!

The visitors saw the places in our garden best to make the point about the visual impact of this proposed development

We will be almost surrounded by solar panels in fields 22, 21 24 and 25 and I imagine will be able to see over the other side of the railway line into fields 27, 32 and 35 and maybe even beyond during the winter.

Also, whichever way we leave our house we will also be confronted by panels up or down [REDACTED] That constant sea of black every day, certainly in my opinion, is going to be harmful to our mental health.

I think living so close to proposed **2 substations** Mallard Pass need to quantify the cumulative noise impact of both facilities for us specifically. WE ARE SO CLOSE. We cannot move now even if we wanted to. After no1 Substation was approved in 2014 we had a horrendous disruption to traffic and non-typical (v. large) vehicles up and down a lane which when we moved here was quiet with occasional – mainly seasonal agricultural traffic. It was awful during those days.

I would also raise our concern for EMF radiation from 2 substations so close to us. I think it is incumbent on Mallard Pass to prove that living so close to 2 substations is not harmful to our health. Clear evidence needs to be provided about **utility solar** (due to the scale) were the scheme to be approved, Then if there is any further mitigation by way of shielding that could lower the risk, we would ask you to consider that? But we still maintain that there are better places to build solar farms – or what about wind turbines????

We do wish to share our experience of the construction issues from the current substation. The traffic was terrible; we had constant stream of construction workers calling at our home asking where they were to deliver JCBs vehicles equipment etc. We had to live through it all from 2014 for 2 years. Daily noise and disturbance – not what was expected when we chose this secluded spot.

Irrespective of current screening we will be almost surrounded by panels we could see, not just now, but that we would see during the winter. Also whichever way you leave our house we will also be confronted by panels up or down Uffington Lane. That constant sea of black every day, certainly in my opinion, is harmful to mental health. And to the wildlife we have seen and known for over 20 years.

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In summary – we have no way to go. Nowhere to go. We can't sell up or if we stay we are in a building site for years. This needs to be understood before you condemn us to a future where we will probably suffer indeterminably.

Thank you for your time

Ann & Andrew 5/9/2023